

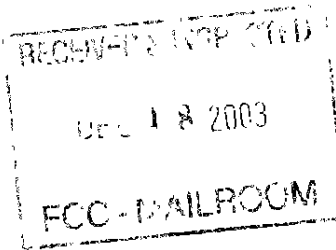
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Ms Marlene H Dortch, Secretary  
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RE *Ex Parte* Notice

In the Matter of

Federal State Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No 96-45

Dear Ms Dortch

Consistent with commission rules, this communication is submitted to be filed in the above referenced docket. On December 8, 2003 along with the members of the Alaska Telephone Association listed below, I met by teleconference with Commissioner Kevin J Martin, member of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service and his Senior Legal Advisor, Daniel Gonzalez. The primary focus of the discussion was on the ETC designation process and the purpose and basis for universal service support for carriers. Also participating in the teleconference were

Michael Garrett, Alaska Power & Telephone Company

Don May, Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative

Steve Bartlett, Bristol Bay Telephone Cooperative

Tim Rennie, Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative

Paul Kelly, Cordova Telephone Cooperative

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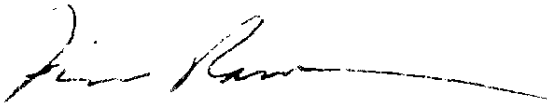
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Rowe", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Rowe

cc Daniel Gonzalez